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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and consumer sized toms. Demand light for current shipments, light to instances fair for deferred. Trading centered on heavy volume of firm priced hens and toms in the West for November shipments. Offerings light. The undertone continued fully steady on fresh destringed tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat with bulk meat trading centered on white meat items. Bulk parts trading light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to fair with interest noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums, the balance was light.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 06, 2000**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	79.00	884	NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	77.00	560	NOV	-	-

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 07, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.50 **	70.50 **	70.00
CENTRAL REGION	70.00 **	69.60 **	69.00
WESTERN REGION	70.50 **	70.50 **	70.13 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	67.50 **	67.50 **	70.00
CENTRAL REGION	66.50 **	66.50 **	70.50 **
WESTERN REGION	67.50 **	67.00 **	70.50 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-92
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	85-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	72-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>
TURKEYS Y HENS	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	86-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-102

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 24-Jun-2000  
 FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 176 HD, 4,011 LBS,  
 TO DATE 6,778 HD, 175,968 LBS; OLD 5 HD, TO DATE 107 HD;  
 TOTAL 181 HD, TO DATE 6,954 HD.

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
 DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
 PER POUND, WEEK OF 10-JUL-2000

	<b><u>(8-16#)</u></b>		<b><u>(16-24#)</u></b>	
	<b><u>HENS</u></b>	<b><u>LBS</u></b>	<b><u>TOMS</u></b>	<b><u>LBS</u></b>
	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>(000)</u></b>	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>(000)</u></b>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	75.52	84	71.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	75.52	84	71.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

MAY 518,177  
 JUNE 1-30,2000 518,128

To date 2000 3,324,343  
 To date 1999 2,500,884

\* PRELIMINARY

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-Jul-2000  
 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<b><u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u></b>			<b><u>FRYER</u></b>	<b><u>OLD</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>TKY</u></b>
	<b><u>THOUSAND</u></b>	<b><u>% CHG</u></b>	<b><u>AVG</u></b>	<b><u>RSTR</u></b>	<b><u>BANDED</u></b>		<b><u>AVG</u></b>
	<b><u>HEAD</u></b>	<b><u>PW</u></b>	<b><u>WT</u></b>	<b><u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u></b>			<b><u>WT</u></b>
N EAST	1,014	19	20.99	(A)	(A)	1,034	21.58
S ATL	655	-33	31.40	NONE	NONE	655	31.40
N CENT	2,320	-3	28.67	(A)	(A)	2,323	29.55
S CENT	665	-1	20.84	NONE	NONE	665	20.84
WEST	437	1	22.96	(A)	(A)	449	22.78
U.S.TOTAL	5,091(B)	-4	25.70	20	16	5,127	25.65
TO DATE							
2000	118,476(B)			166	827	119,469	
TO DATE							
1999	121,456(B)			55	851	122,362	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 44,000 for the year 467,000; last year to date 364,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 01-Jul-2000

	<b><u>YOUNG (A)</u></b>		<b><u>YOUNG</u></b>	<b><u>OLD</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
	<b><u>HENS</u></b>	<b><u>TOMS</u></b>	<b><u>BREEDERS</u></b>		
	<b><u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u></b>				
HEAD	1,858	3,233	44	16	5,151
AVG WT	15.98	31.73	22.73	27.35	25.96
LAST WEEK	2,004	3,298	22	13	5,337
YR AGO	3,494	(B)	14	40	3,548
AVG WT	26.78	(B)	23.86	27.43	26.78
TO-DATE/2000***	118,199	(B)	467	843	119,509
TO-DATE/1999	121,147	(B)	364	851	122,362

This is an enhanced report in that the young turkey slaughter is broken down by gender and the week reported is one week earlier. If you have any questions please call Amos Hardy at 515-284-4471.

\*\*\*Year-to-date figure, total turkey, week ending June 17 should read 109,021

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 06 JULY 2000.

Trade sentiment improved on fresh tom breast meat with renewed interest noted coming off the long holiday weekend for this week's and next week's shipments. Offerings and trading light with sellers asking higher trending prices. Some increased confidence was also noted on mechanically separated turkey. Bulk parts domestic and export demand light. Trading slow. Offerings of wings tight to adequate with hen 2-joints the least available. Drum offerings light to adequate and held with varying degrees of confidence, necks available. Rib breast trade sentiment steady to fully steady with some not seeing the strength that others see. Inquiry light to fair. Offerings of rib breasts mixed.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.13	46
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	25.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	26.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	4
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	167.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00		170.00	20
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00		63.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	122.63	64
SCAPULA MEAT	94.00		94.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	145.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	164.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	42.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.00	320
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.50		19.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	20
TAILS	25.00		25.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	61.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Undertone fully steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins coming off the long holiday weekend. Undertone mixed on tom drums with some sellers calling the market tone fully steady even though trading is reported at steady to barely steady price levels. The neck undertone showed signs of improvement with not as much weakness noted when compared to previous weeks. The tom wing undertone was steady to fully steady, mostly steady and tails fully steady. Demand was fair to good on fresh destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat, bulk parts were light to fair. Bulk meat trading centered on light to fair volumes of fresh white meat items. Fresh whole tenderloins trade at 132 cents delivered. Bulk parts trading centered on moderately heavy volume of tom drums for export, balance light. Livers traded at 15 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	40	99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-27.00		25.53	172	25.64	225
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	27.00		27.00	30	27.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	26.33	120		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-23.00		22.00	80	21.77	109
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	40	25.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	160	14.02	189
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	166.00		166.00	40	166.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	164.00-174.00		170.14	590	168.57	810
THIGH MEAT	63.00		63.00	40	63.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	59.00-61.00		60.00	64	60.96	94
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	95.00-98.00		97.00	60	95.80	100
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	145.00	400		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	163.00-165.00		164.76	216	164.49	336
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	41.00		41.00	40	41.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-17.00		15.04	224	15.60	544
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-26.00		24.84	632	24.85	712
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00-23.00		22.50	80	21.90	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	52	25.00	72
TAILS	22.00-23.00		22.22	204	23.59	404
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-17.50		16.75	80	16.75	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	40	63.00	40

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